

May 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of May, 2004: 134 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 13 Drift Sink Gillnet, 6 Drift Floating Gillnet, 72 Bottom Otter Trawl, 3 Scallop Dredge, 5 Beach Seine, 2 Pot and Trap, 4 Midwater Otter Trawl, 2 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 3 Scottish Seine, 2 Purse Seine and 19 Closed Area Scallop. There were 5 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
ASG 100	B13056C	05/10/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C43015C	05/11/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C43023C	05/29/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, moderately decomposed
SD 132	C52008-	05/15/2004	1	dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C55012L	05/21/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, condition unknown
ASG 100	C95005C	05/05/2004	1	porpoise/dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C95005C	05/05/2004	1	porpoise/dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C95011L	05/22/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C95011L	05/22/2004	1	hooded seal	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C95011L	05/22/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C84003C	05/06/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C84003C	05/06/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C90003C	05/08/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
ASG100	C99004C	05/07/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, seen by captain/crew only
CAS 132	B90005-	05/19/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, severely decomposed

*"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, CAS= Closed Area Scallop, SD = Scallop Dredge